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EXAMINING GROUP 2137

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In re Application of: )  
Hideo SHIMIZU et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2137  
Application No.: 09/379,791 ) Examiner: Matthew Smithers  
Filed: August 24, 1999 )  
For: DATA PROCESSOR, ) Mail Stop AF  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the newly-raised grounds of rejection set forth in the Final Office Action.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner introduced a new reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,261,003 to Matsui et al., to reject all of pending claims 1-14. In particular, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Matsui et al. As allowed for in M.P.E.P. § 706.07(c), Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following remarks and withdraw the final rejections of claims 1-14.

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